GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:19
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BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AIR INDIA AND OTHER AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bilateral agreements between Air India and various airlines prior to 1999;

(b) the details of such agreements entered into during the last two years;

(c) the details of seat adjustments utilized by Air India and other Airlines during the above period;

(d) whether Air India has lost a large number of seats to other Airlines as a result thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c), (d)&(e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement in respect of part (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 19 for reply on 23.07.2001 regarding bilateral agreements between Air India and other Airlines.

(a): Bilateral Air Services Agreements are entered into by Governments and not airlines. Prior to 1999, about 31.8 million seats per annum both ways were available under bilateral Air Services Agreement with different countries.

(b): Since 1999 about 5.7 million additional seats per annum both ways have been added under bilateral air services agreements with 22 countries.

(c) Utilisation of seats by Indian and Foreign carriers since 1999 as a percentage of their respective entitlements is as under:-

	1999 Summer	2000 Summer	2001 Summer
INDIAN CARRIERS			
Air India	27%	26%	27%
Indian Airlines	12%	12%	12%
Total	39%	38%	39%
FOREIGN CARRIERS	65%	64%	65%

(d) and (e): Air India has not lost any seats to foreign airlines on account of bilateral agreements since the capacity entitlements are exchanged on reciprocal basis. The seat factor of Air India has also been all time high.